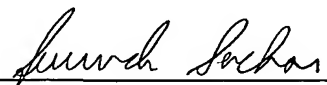


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP05/05366</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>March 24, 2005</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>March 26, 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD OF DECOMPOSING PLASTIC</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Masaru HIDAKA, et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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